

**Student Advisory Committee to the
Board of Regents for Higher Education
September 18, 2015
10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.
Regents Boardroom (Ground Floor)
61 Woodland St, Hartford, CT**

Minutes – Regular Meeting

- I. Call to Order: 10:10 a.m.

- II. Roll Call:

ECSU
CCSU
WCSU
SCSU
ACC
CCC
GCC
MCC
MXCC
NVCC
NWCC
TRCC

- III. SAC Elections
 - a. Presider: Ernestine Weaver, Counsel for Board of Regents and Jamicia Lackey, former SAC Liaison
 - i. After a brief explanation of the process for elections, Ernestine announced that there was one candidate for Chair, Gordon Plouffe from MCC, and one candidate for Vice Chair, Sarah Greco from SCSU. Each candidate was given a few moments to speak and answer questions
 - ii. Votes were collected via secret ballot.
 - iii. Gordon elected Chair unanimously
 - iv. Sarah elected Vice Chair unanimously

- IV. Preparation for October 15th BOR Meeting
 - a. Conversation ensued about content for SAC joint presentation to the BOR the following month:
 - i. Excessive cost of textbooks
 - ii. Upkeep/closure of fitness centers on community college campuses
 - iii. Lower enrollment issues
 - iv. Bus passes at NVCC established to transport students between campuses
 - v. ACE Center for Academic Achievement at NVCC also positive
 - vi. Lack of services directly contribute to lower enrollment

- vii. Establishment of a Business Advisory Council
- viii. Philanthropy Initiatives/formation of a systemwide Foundation
- ix. Regents Scholarship Program? Still a possibility?
 - x. New president and lack of transparency/student input in selection
- xi. Determine more specific effects of budget cuts on campuses; use this content for legislative advocacy
- xii. Legislative relations between BOR-legislators are abysmal; no CSCU Students at the Capital because BOR didn't make it happen

V. New Business

a. Bylaws

- i. Need to discuss amendments at the next meeting: provisional leadership when election can't be held immediately; maybe remove requirement to meet Friday prior to BOR meetings

b. Legislative Training Sessions

- i. Need to continue coordinating with Kyle Thomas to schedule at regional locations

- c. Create formal explanation of SAC and BOR for representatives to share and educate their SGAs/Senates so they can better understand purpose and functions

VI. Adjournment – 11:32, NVCC and CCSU.